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Join a panel of experts to explore “cultures” that promote excessive alcohol use and illicit drug-taking behavior in this important and timely Webcast.

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## “Alcohol and Drug Use and the Cultures of Addiction”

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Although many people with untreated addiction end up living lives of desperate isolation, most begin their journeys with a sympathetic group of fellow substance abusers. Some experts say that shared values and norms among groups of alcohol- and drug-dependent individuals constitute a “culture of addiction.” This Webcast will explore such “cultures” and highlight related substance use and addiction treatment trends across the Nation. We will also examine what’s being done to promote change within these hard-to-reach groups.

Join host *Ivette Torres*, Associate Director for Consumer Affairs, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and a panel of experts to explore how these supportive “cultures” nurture and solidify excessive alcohol use and illicit drug-taking behavior in this important and timely Webcast.

**Panelists:** *Linda Kaplan*, Executive Director, The Danya Institute; *June Gertig*, Director, Collaboration and Stakeholder Development, Recovery Community Support Services Project; *Sis Wenger*, Executive Director, National Association for Children of Alcoholics; and *Joe Powell*, President, Association of Persons Affected by Addiction.

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**Webchat:** After watching “Alcohol and Drug Use and the Cultures of Addiction,” you will likely have many questions. You can ask these questions and more as part of a “live” online discussion with **Stacia Murphy**, President, National Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependence, on Wednesday, June 18, 2003 from 3 to 4 p.m. EST. Be a part of this lively exchange and mark your calendar today and post your questions in advance. Just follow the link from <http://www.recoverymonth.gov/2003/multimedia/>.



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